

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 16 remain under consideration. Reconsideration of this Application and entry of the foregoing amendments are requested.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112, SECOND PARAGRAPH

Claims 11-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite.

Claims 11, 15 and 16 are amended to better and more specifically describe the present invention.

In Claim 11, the elliptical language "to insure that the said solid" is amended to read --to insure that the said solid remains unadulterated--.

In Claim 15, the language "the bulk liquid organic product" is amended to properly read --solid product--.

In Claim 16, the claim language is amended to clarify that the method is directed to a solid product.

In view of the above and foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the corrections to the claim language are compliant with 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 5 and 8 currently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kim *et al.* (USP 5,807,974) or (USP5,876,864).

Claims 1 and 2 also stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Li (USP 6,372,154).

All other claims have been objected to by the Examiner as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Claim 1 is amended to cancel therefrom the subject matter found to be anticipated by the prior art.

More specifically:

claim 1 no longer comprises poly(9,9'-dialkylfluorene). A proviso statement was specifically added to that effect, see the proviso statement following the definition of R_3 and R_4 . Thus, the scope of claim 1 no longer comprises a poly(9,9'-dialkylfluorene) homopolymer, thereby obviating the rejection based on Li (USP 6,372,154);

claim 1 no longer recites as M the penultimate structure on the second page of claim 1 and the first two structures on the third page of claim 1, thereby obviating the rejections based on Kim ((USP 5,807,974) or (USP5,876,864).

Claim 2 is amended to ensure proper antecedent support in claim 1.

Since all remaining claims are dependent on allowable base claims, it is respectfully submitted that all claims under consideration are allowable.

The rejections of the original claims are believed to have been overcome by the present amendment. Favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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